

PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS
TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

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Mr. TYDINGS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2254]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2254) providing for certain additional appointments to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy, having considered the same report favorably thereon with an amendment, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That the number of midshipmen authorized by law at the United States Naval Academy is hereby increased by ten, and the appointments of such additional midshipmen shall be made annually by the President from qualified candidates who are sons of members of the naval forces of the United States who have been awarded either the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, or the Distinguished Service Medal. All appointments of such candidates shall be made in the order of merit after they have, in competition with each other, passed the mental examination now or hereafter required by law for entrance to the Naval Academy, and have passed the required physical examination for such entrance.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill providing for certain additional appointments to the United States Naval Academy.

The purpose of the bill is to increase by 10 the number of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, the appointments to be made annually by the President from the sons of members of the naval forces of the United States who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, or the Distinguished Service Medal.

The committee is of the opinion that the members of the naval forces of the United States who distinguish themselves in the line of

their profession or by conspicuous gallantry in actual combat with an enemy of the United States ought to be accorded the privilege of having their sons afforded an opportunity of entering the United States Naval Academy as midshipmen. The committee believes that this opportunity should be in addition to that ordinarily afforded aspirants to the Naval Academy.

THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee referred the bill to the War and Navy Departments for the views and comments of these Departments concerning the bill.

The Navy Department advised the committee that it entertained no objection to the enactment of the bill. The War Department made an adverse report on the bill and the committee thereupon amended the bill making its provisions applicable only to the United States Naval Academy and the sons of members of the Naval Service.

